

## **Resolution to Prohibit Taxpayer Funded Lobbying**

**WHEREAS**, Texas taxpayer provided public funds are used against parents to advance anti-transparency, anti-parent policies in public schools, as demonstrated in the witness list in opposition to transparency bill HB 2510 (88R)

(<https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/88R/witlistbill/pdf/HB02510H.pdf#navpanes=0>);

**WHEREAS**, Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) and Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) conferences and training usurp local elected school boards' accountability to voters by deceptive training and manipulative guidance to school administrators (see page 32 of [https://issuu.com/tasb-org/docs/txedcon23\\_program](https://issuu.com/tasb-org/docs/txedcon23_program));

**WHEREAS**, Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA), Texas Association of Community Schools (TACS), Texas Association of School Psychologists (TASC) and other union-aligned education-related coalitions consistently lobby at the Texas Capitol against bills for parental rights and transparency (e.g., 87R SB 442, 87R SB 347, 87R SB 1083, 88R HB 900).

**WHEREAS**, independent school districts (ISDs) have lobbyists registered to represent them directly. See Dallas ISD, Fort Worth ISD, Karnes City ISD, and South Texas ISD in this Texas State Ethics Commission file:

<https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/search/lobby/2024/2024LobbyGroupByClient.pdf>.

**WHEREAS**, there are 686 lobbyists registered with the Texas Ethics Commission on the subject of education. See 2024 subject matter list in this Texas Ethics Commission file: <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/search/lobby/loblistsREG2021-2025.php>. This results in lobbying organizations having an outsized influence on Texas education policy that parents cannot match. Lobbyists' client lists identify the high potential for and appearance of conflict of interest between taxpayer interests and vendors serving the education industry.

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that Plank #232 be amended to read as follows: We implore the Texas State Legislature to enact law that prohibits any political subdivision, including public school districts, from spending public funds (1) to hire an individual required to register as a lobbyist under Texas Government Code, Chapter 305 for the purpose of lobbying a member of the legislature; or (2) to pay a nonprofit state association or organization that: (A) primarily represents political subdivisions; and (B) hires or contracts with an individual required to register as a lobbyist under Chapter 305.

A copy of this resolution should be sent to the \_\_\_\_\_ County/Senate District # \_\_\_\_\_ Convention Resolutions Committee from Precinct # \_\_\_\_\_ with the recommendation that it be passed and sent to the State Convention Platform Committee of the \_\_\_\_\_ Party of Texas.